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SUBJECT; UNCTAD/GATT INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER (ITC)

JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (JAG) MEETING, MARCH 13-17

REF: (A) GENEVA 00845, (B) STATE 66544

BEGIN SUMMARY: JAG MEETING ENDED ON SCHEDULE GIVING APPROVAL TO PROPOSALS MADE BY TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (TC) MEETING IN JANUARY (SEE REF A). THE REPORT SHOULD CREATE NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS FOR THE U.S. SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY.

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1. ITEM 1: THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN 1977. THERE WAS LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. DEFICIENCY OF UNDP FUNDING DISCUSSED UNDER ITC RELATIONS WITH OTHER BODIES. U.S. STATEMENT OFFERED COOPERATION BETWEEN ITC AND USAID FIELD STAFFS, ESPECIALLY IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LLDCS).

2. ITEM 2: PROGRAMME CONTENT AND FUTURE DIRECTION.

A. EXPANSION OF TRADE AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: ROUTINE DISCUSSION. ITC DIRECTOR NOTED THAT COMMERCIAL POLICY MEASURES SUCH AS PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE IN EXPANDING INTRA-LDC TRADING AND THAT MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PUT ON EXPORT PROMOTION.

B. IMPORT-EXPORT COOPERATIVE PROGRAM: NEW OBJECTIVES AND NEW TITLE ACCEPTED (SEE REF A).

C. MARKET DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, AND ITC REPORT ON STRUCTURAL AND CYCLICAL CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE: THE REPORT, WHICH WAS A STUDY FUNDED BY NORWAY AND HAD NOT BEEN INTENDED AS A CONFERENCE DOCUMENT, WAS DISCUSSED BY LDCS, WHO AGREED THAT IT WAS HELPFUL, BUT DISAGREED AS TO ITS RELEVANCE. MANY OPEC AND OTHER LDCS WERE DISTURBED AT THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON THE INCREASE IN OIL PRICES AS AN UPSETTING FACTOR IN WORLD TRADE IN THE PERIOD 1970-1975. IN THE COURSE OF THE DISCUSSION, PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA NOTED THAT THE REPORT HAD INCLUDED TAIWAN IN A LIST OF COUNTRIES, AND THAT TAIWAN WAS NOT A COUNTRY AND SHOULD NOT BE SO REFERRED TO. THE SECRETARIAT AGREED TO DELETE TAIWAN FROM THE LIST. PER REF B, USDEL DID NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE AT THE MEETING, BUT DURING A RECESS, WE INDICATED TO THE SECRETARIAT THAT WE BELIEVE THAT DELETION OF TAIWAN FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCH A DOCUMENT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE. THIS MATTER RECEIVED NO MENTION IN THE REPORT OF THE JAG.

D. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPORT OPERATIONS: DECISIONS OF TC APPROVED.

E. COOPERATION WITH LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES: REFERENCE IN TC REPORT TO A "SPECIAL FUND" FOR LLDCS WAS OPPOSED BY COUNTRIES WHICH OBJECTED TO PROLIFERATION OF "SPECIAL FUNDS". HOWEVER, IT WAS EXPLAINED THAT THIS REFERRED ONLY TO THE PROVISION OF BILATERAL TRUST FUND DONATIONS WHICH COULD BE UTILIZED FLEXIBLY FOR SECONDARY LLDC PROJECTS IF THE INITIAL PROJECT COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED. THE REPORT OF THE JAG HAS CLARIFIED THE INTENT, AND THE TC RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED.

F. PROMOTION OF TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPING AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES: ROUTINE DISCUSSION. THE KENYAN DELEGATE NOTED THAT THE SEARCH FOR BILATERAL TRADE ARRANGEMENTS TENDS TO DEPRESS THE OVERALL LEVEL OF TRADE.

G. TRAINING: ROUTINE.

H. MULTINATIONAL PRODUCT PROMOTION: THIS ITEM WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A DEBATE BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN DEL AND THE SECRETARIAT OVER THE CALL FOR A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE ON THE PROPOSED COTTON DEVELOPMENT INTERNATIONAL. GOB WANTS THE ITC TO CALL SUCH A CONFERENCE, BUT THE SECRETARIAT BELIEVES THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IS TOO BROAD TO SERVE AS A MANDATE FOR ITC. USDEL VOICED NO OPINION, BUT STATED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR COTTON.

I. EVALUATION: ROUTINE.

3. ITEM 3: RELATIONS OF ITC WITH OTHER BODIES.

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A. UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP): TC RESOLUTION ON THIS MATTER WAS APPROVED, WITH USDEL MAKING STATEMENT THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES SHOULD MAKE DECISIONS ON THEIR OWN IPFS WITHOUT OUTSIDE PRESSURE. SECRETARIAT AGAIN SUCCESSFULLY DISCOURAGED BRAZILIAN PROPOSAL TO HAVE JAG CHAIRMAN MAKE A FORMAL STATEMENT TO THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL IN JUNE.

B. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC: JAG APPROVED TC RECOMMENDATION THAT SECRETARIAT SEEK REGULAR BUDGET FUNDING FOR ESCAP LIAISON OFFICER. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM USDEL, THE SECRETARIAT INDICATED THAT SUCH A REQUEST WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIORITIZED LIST OF POSITIONS SO THAT IF ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE NOT AVAILABLE, THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS REQUEST COULD BE GAUGED.

4. ITEM 4: REORGANIZATION OF ITC. ROUTINE.

5. ITEM 5: INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM. THE TC RECOMMENDATIONS WERE SUPPORTED IN TOTO. ONLY IRAQ MADE A SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO RESTRICT MEMBERSHIP OF TC TO 24 MEMBERS CHOSEN ON GEOGRAPHICAL BASIS, BUT OTHER DELS WHO SPOKE WERE UNANIMOUS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF AN OPEN-ENDED, BUT DEFINITIVE, MEMBERSHIP, WITH TRADE PROMOTION EXPERTS OR OFFICIALS TO BE NOTIFIED TO THE ITC 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

6. ITEM 6: EXTRA-BUDGETARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ITC. UNDER THIS ITEM, DONORS TO THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ANNOUNCE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR. USDEL ANNOUNCED THE AGREED-UPON \$50,000 FOR THE GSP STUDY. BRAZIL ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL BE A NET DONOR TO THE ITC THIS YEAR. VANDEN HEUVEL

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